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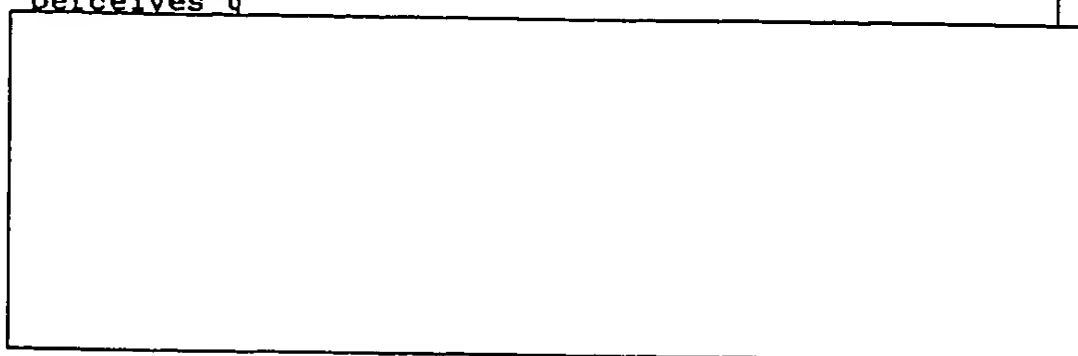
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(U) CHINA: DENG XIAOPING PUSHES AHEAD WITH  
CONSOLIDATION OF US-CHINESE RELATIONS

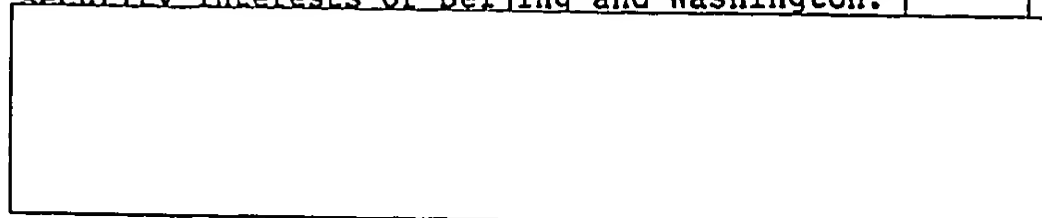
(c) Summary

A practitioner of Realpolitik, Deng Xiaoping  
perceives



A year ago, when US-China relations were still  
in the doldrums over Taiwan and technology transfer-  
related disputes, Deng was the first Chinese leader  
to start talking to visitors again about the common  
security interests of Beijing and Washington.

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#### Deng's Political Makeup

(U) Deng is not revered in China as was Mao,  
nor held in great affection as was Zhou En-lai, but  
he is no doubt the most admired man in the country  
because of his vigor, tenacity, integrity, and  
candor. Above all, however, it is his no-nonsense  
practicality that has made him a popular leader among  
the Chinese, who are still recovering from their  
ideological binge with Mao.

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(U) Deng was purged twice and most of his colleagues and friends were criticized, sent into political disgrace, or killed during the Cultural Revolution. One of Deng's sons was thrown from a fourth floor window and remains a paraplegic. Thus, Deng understands the tragedy of utopian and grandiose visions relentlessly pursued. His domestic opponents today are not visionary Maoists but party and military stalwarts, who give greater priority to centralized control and social order, as well as bureaucrats throughout the system who feel threatened by his reform program.

(C) Soon to turn 80 years old, Deng is increasingly conscious that time is his most formidable adversary. Although he shows few signs of ill health, his work pace has slowed somewhat, and he will be the effective leader of China for only another 2-4 years. This is meager time in which to consolidate his succession arrangements, gain domestic acceptance of his party and economic reforms, and place US-China relations on a stable footing.

(S/NF/NC/OC) Opposition to Opening to US

The difficulties in Sino-US relations in recent years probably have left Deng with his share of political bruises. Solid evidence of opposition to Deng's US policy is sparse, [redacted]

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Moreover, despite the improvement in Sino-US relations over the past year, [redacted]

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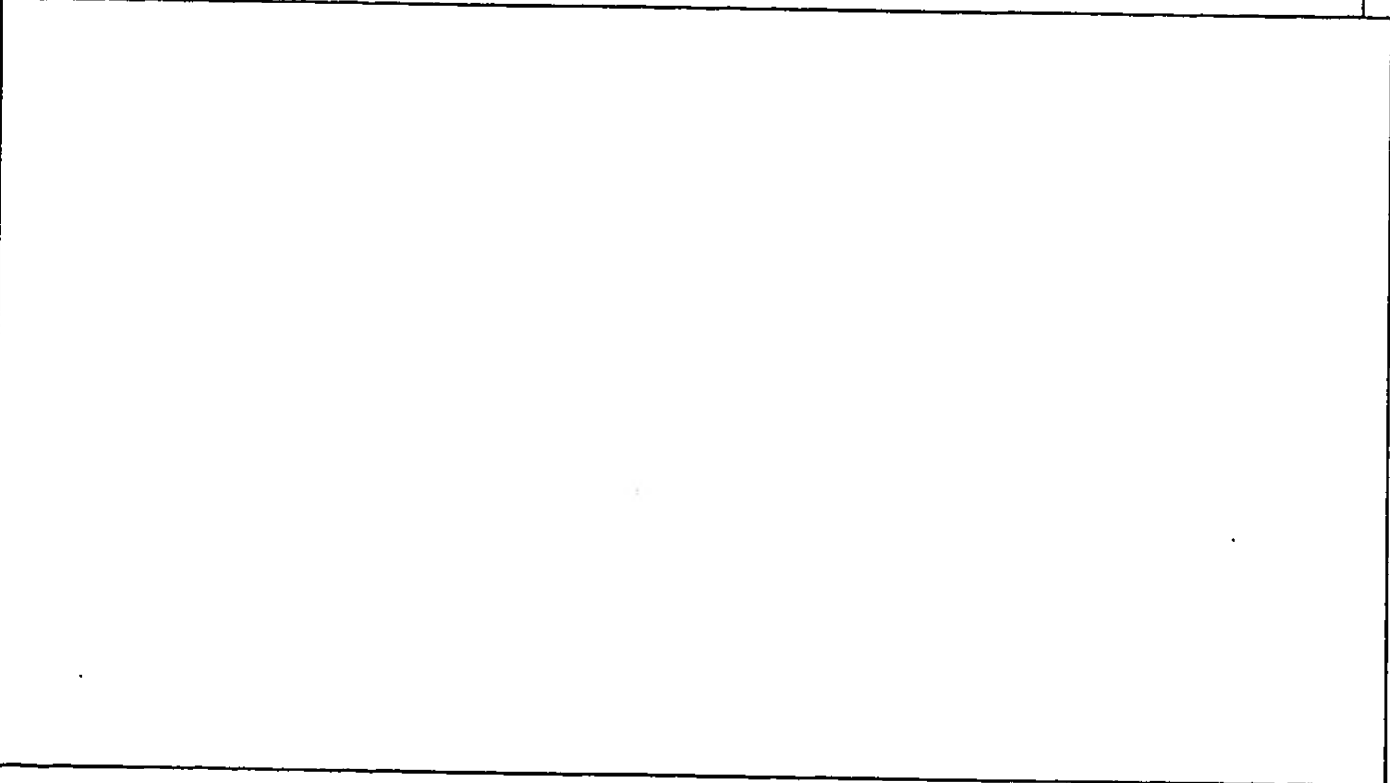
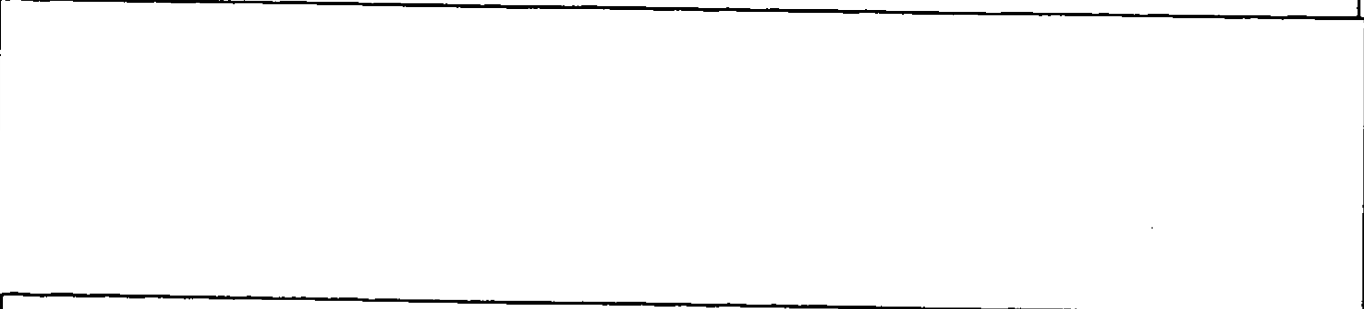
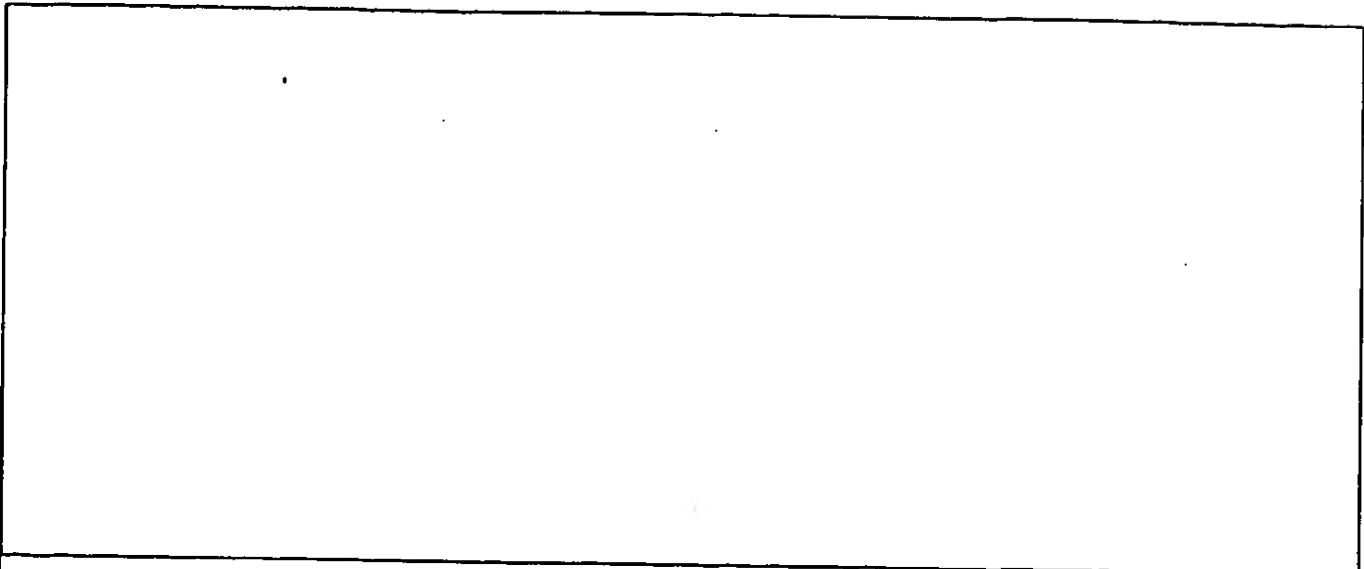
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